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Dear Mr. Rogers:

We refer to Mr. Connery's letter which we received on September 19, 1980, requesting that your Union be given consultation rights on Government-wide rules or regulations developed by the General Accounting Office pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2426.12.

The General Accounting Office is specifically excluded from the Labor Management Relations Act in 5 U.S.C. § 7103(a)(3)(A). Accordingly the regulations that you cite are not applicable to our Office. Therefore under the authority you cite, your Union is not entitled to consultation rights concerning Government-wide rules and regulations developed by GAO the General Accounting Office.

The General Accounting Office is in the process of developing its own Labor Management Relations program pursuant to section 3(e), Public Law 96-191, February 15, 1980. At this time the final regulations concerning this system have not been implemented, and therefore your request which we understand goes to consultation rights concerning other GAO rules and regulations cannot be considered.



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We regret that we are unable to give a favorable response to your request.

Sincerely yours,

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